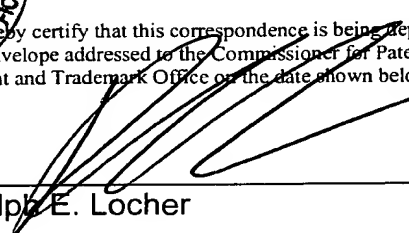


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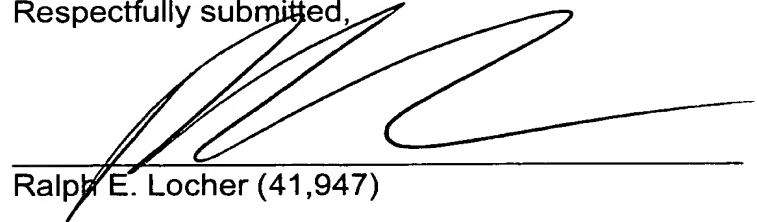
Sir:

In item #2 of the Notice of Allowance dated September 14, 2005, the Examiner states that the substitute declaration filed on December 20, 2004 was deficient. It is further noted that the Examiner stated that the originally filed declaration was improper because the title on the original declaration did not match the title identified in the specification. The originally submitted declaration is believed to be proper as it properly identifies the original application by the proper PCT application number and therefore accurately identifies the application. A copy of the original declaration is enclosed. In other words, an improper title does not make the declaration defective if it is properly identified by the proper PCT application number. Therefore, the originally filed declaration is believed to be proper.

In addition it is noted that the PTOL-85 form still carries the improper title. The title

should be "METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR AUTHENTICATING A FIRST ENTITY AND A SECOND ENTITY". Please find enclosed a substitute data sheet showing the correct title for changing the PTOL-85 form.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ralph E. Locher', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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